parts of the district and the flow of large stocks into the market. As a result of the free flow of fresh stocks in the market the prices continued to be steady during the months of January and February 1958. However, as the area harvested was not as extensive as it was in the previous year due to insufficient supplies in the irrigation sources the arrival of stocks in the local market were slowly decreasing. This seems to have had some effect on the trend of prices which show a tendency to increase from the first week of this month. The market prices of rice, second sort, at Vellore and Ambur as on 14th March 1958 are as follows: Rice, raw, second sort, retail prices per Madras measure at Vellore, Re. 0-14-0; at Ambur, Re. 0-12-0. Rice second sort boiled in Vellore, retail price, Re. 0-14-0 per Madras measure and at Ambur, Re. 0-12-0. This is as on 14th March 1958 at Vellore and Ambur markets. Most of the middle and poor class people go in for the second sort rice, the prices of which cannot be said to be high as it ranged between Re. 0-12-0 and Re. 0-14-0 per Madras measure. It will be seen from this that there has been no heavy or steep increase in the prices of foodgrains in the North Arcot district.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. THE SPEAKER *RE* ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to announce to the House that the following sixteen members were duly nominated for the election of eleven Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly to the House Committee :—

1. Sri T. Irusappan.
2. ,, A. R. Marimuthu.
3. ,, V. Subbiah.
4. ,, A. V. Periavalagurava Reddi.
5. ,, A. A. Rasheed.
6. ,, B. K. Linga Gowder.
7. ,, P. S. K. Lakshmipathi Raj.
8. ,, S. Lazar.
9. ,, T. Karia Gounder.
10. ,, A. Mariappan.
11. ,, V. S. Manickasundaram.
12. ,, M. G. Sankar.
13. ,, J. Matha Gowder.
14. ,, K. G. Palaniswami Gounder.
15. ,, V. P. Sarangapani.
16. ,, R. Krishnasami Gopalar.

Sri M. G. Sankar, Sri J. Matha Gowder, Sri K .G. Palaniswami Gounder, Sri V. P. Sarangapani and Sri R. Krishnasami Gopalar, have since withdrawn their candidature. As the number of candidates who were duly nominated and who have not withdrawn their

candidature is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, eleven, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

Under Rule 214 (1) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I hereby nominate (1) Sri N. Marudachalam, (2) Sri K. Periannan, (3) Srimathi T. N. Anandanayaki and (4) Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar to be Members of the House Committee.

The Deputy Speaker is the ex-officio Chairman of the House Committee.

IV.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

(1) "WHAT HAPPENED IN MUDUKALATHUR" CASE.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I, the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges present this report to the House on the question of breach of privilege, namely, the action of the Director of Information and Publicity in publishing the pamphlet entitled 'What happened in Mudukalathur?' முதுகுளத்தூரில் நடந்தது என்ன ?

(2) THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM 'PRECINCTS OF THE HOUSE'.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I, the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges, present this report [b] on the question of the construction that should be put on the expression 'Precincts of the House' with reference to the Legislative Assembly in the Fort St. George.

V.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I, the Chairman of the Committee on Estimates, having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on its behalf, present this Report, namely, the Report on the Community Development Projects.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

THE PRISONERS (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Prisoners (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

'That leave be granted for the introduction of the Prisoners (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1958'.

The motion was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The Bill was introduced.

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a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 377–388 infra.
b Printed as Appendix V on pages 389–391 infra.